Production of wheat

*91. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of wheat is sufficient to meet the requirement of wheat eaters;

(b) if not, whether steps are being taken to ensure enhanced production; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred/likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Currently the production of wheat is sufficient to meet the domestic demand. However, to cope up with the expected increase in demand during the 11th Plan Period, it has been targeted to enhance production of wheat to 83.61 million tonnes by 2012 through the National Food Security Mission. For the period 2007-08 to 2011-12, an outlay of Rs.1920.33 crore has been provided for increasing wheat production through the Mission.

Proposals for railways projects from Andhra Pradesh

*92. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals for laying new lines/gauge conversion/ upgradation of stations/construction of over or under bridges, received from Andhra Pradesh Government during the last one year and till date in current year;

(b) the status of clearance/implementation of each of these proposals; and

(c) the time by when all these proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) The details of each and every demand received is not maintained. However, as per the available records, no proposals have been received for upgradation of stations from Andhra Pradesh Government during the last one year and till date in current year. As regards Gauge Conversion, all meter gauge lines in Andhra Pradesh have been sanctioned for conversion already. The details of new line proposals received in the Ministry of Railways from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Proposal	Approx Length in Km.	Current status of clearance/implementation
1	2	3	4
1.	Cuddapah-Bangalore	255.4	Project has been taken up for execution. 50% cost of the project is being shared by Andhra Pradesh Government. Work of Final Location Survey commenced.
2.	Manuguru-Ramagundam	190	Survey completed and report is under finalization in consultation with Railway.
3.	Bhadrachalam Road-Kovvur	151	Survey completed and report is under finalization in consultation with Railway.